

I can't believe Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary in the next few days Just before the election.

A group in our community just went through two of effort to get an FCC license for a low frequency radio station. What was clear in that process is that the FCC requires that stations using the public airwaves do so in the public interest. Sinclair is using the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. The film Sinclair is airing is biased and NOT in the public interest unless they are required to show a film from the Kerry campaign in close time proximity. This is a classic example of what happens when large companies control the airwaves; we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.